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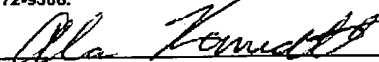
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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated March 17, 2004, election of Figure 8 is hereby made, subject to traverse. Claim 1 is generic to Figures 1-9. Claim 4 is directed to Figures 8 and 9. Thus, claims 1 and 4 should be examined in this application.

Other than the existence of three embodiments, the Examiner has not indicated any reason for restriction. From a simple review of issued patents, claims directed to multiple embodiments are often included, and the mere existence of multiple embodiments is not a basis for restriction. In this regard, the Examiner has not indicated that the fields of search are different, that any extra effort would be required for searching or examination, or the like.

Thus, for patent office economics and efficiencies, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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